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Mr. Richard Wagner  
Chairman of the Board  
Champlin Oil and Refining Co.  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Thank you for your thoughtful memorandum on Soviet radio propaganda to Europe and the underdeveloped areas. The matters which you discuss have continued to pose serious problems for the U. S. The USSR, utilizing very powerful transmitters regularly broadcasts to the non-Communist world in more than forty different languages. Linking colonialism and capitalism has, of course, been a Soviet tactic since Lenin's day; in the last few years Soviet propaganda has been increasingly emphasizing this approach.

The Voice of America, however, broadcasts to the non-Communist world in more than thirty languages, and the United States Information Agency engages in a wide variety of informational and educational activities designed to project a constructive image of the U. S. and to counter Soviet propaganda. You may wish to write to Mr. George V. Allen, Director of USIA, for further information on the activities of his Agency.

Radio Free Europe, a private station, broadcasts only to the Eastern European countries taken over by the Soviet Union after World War II. Its signal strength in Switzerland and West Germany would not be fully indicative of reception in East Europe. You could write to the Director of RFE in New York for information.

The Director of the Office of Armed Forces Information and Education could provide information on the radio and television broadcasts of the armed forces networks.

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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